

Earned Incentive Program

All areas of life at Pine Hills involve the Earned Incentive Program (EIP).

EIP is based on the youth's behavior and progress toward treatment objectives. This provides the youth with regular feedback on his behavior within the controlled environment of the facility.

A menu of specific expectations and earned privileges is attached to each EIP step.

Additional Services

Psychiatric Services are contracted with a board-certified psychiatrist on a consulting basis. The psychiatrist evaluates referred youth and, if appropriate, prescribes medication. Youth on medication are visited by the psychiatrist.

The Psychiatrist is consulted on juvenile behavior and relevant therapeutic issues.

Spiritual Services A local chaplain provides a weekly spiritual meeting for interested juvenile offenders. Chaplains are also accessible for individual spiritual advice.

Native American youth have access to spiritual leaders of their tradition. Monthly sweats are held under the guidance of spiritual leaders.



Mission

In the interest of protecting the public we hold juvenile offenders accountable for their actions by providing a humane, supervised, structured environment where youth are afforded the opportunity of habilitation.



Staff Qualifications

All correctional officers are required to complete 120 hours of Juvenile Specific Basic Correctional Officer training through the MT Law Enforcement Academy, plus an additional 40 hours of on-site training. Officers must also apply for certification through the Peace Officers Standards and Training Council.

The professional staff consists of bachelor and master's level employees with multiple years of experience in juvenile corrections and counseling.

Employees having direct contact with youth participate in at least 40 hours of training each year.

Montana Department of
Corrections

PINE HILLS YOUTH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY



*An American Correctional Association
(ACA) Accredited Program*

*A multi-level facility for delinquent
juvenile males*



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Introduction

Pine Hills is Montana's only long-term state operated facility for adjudicated male youthful offenders (ages 10-17) committed by the District Youth Courts.

Pine Hills is part of the Youth Services Division, Department of Corrections of the State of Montana. Pine Hills' and the Department's mission statements serve as the foundation for facility operations. Services are based on the goal of providing a safe, humane, supervised, structured environment, affording youth the opportunity of habilitation and instilling a sense of accountability and responsibility for one's own actions.

Admission

Upon arrival at Pine Hills, the youth should have:

1. Certified Copy of Dispositional Order*
2. Physical Medical Exam by a licensed physician, physicians assistant or advanced practice registered nurse within the past three months*
3. Copy of Birth Certificate and Social Security Card
4. Copy of complete Immunization Records
5. Education Records*
6. Social History*
7. Youth Placement Committee recommendation
8. Petition of charges
9. Predisposition and other reports pertinent to the care and treatment of the juvenile*

* Required by MCA 41-5-1512 or 52-5-108

The committing county is responsible for transporting youthful offenders to Pine Hills. In addition, the Superintendent or designee must be contacted 48 hours in advance of the youth's arrival for placement. Reception occurs Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Youth may bring one set of clothing in addition to what they are wearing and their own shoes, coat and money (a cashier's check or money order) which will be placed in an account for them

Jewelry, watches, and tobacco products are not accepted. All personal care items will be provided. Youth wear uniform clothing.

Youth may earn an allowance based on behavior and privilege status and they may earn wages through the work restitution program.

Program

Pine Hills provides 16 waking hours of scheduled activities beginning at 6:15 a.m. each day, using a cognitive restructuring approach.

A treatment plan is developed within the first month's stay which includes:

- Orientation
- Projected length of stay
- Appropriate testing
- Assignment to a caseworker and necessary programs

Monthly review of cases are conducted by treatment teams with quarterly reviews by administration

Living Units include:

- Group and Individual counseling
- Daily calisthenics
- Food Services meeting recommended daily allowances
- Daily recreation
- Life Skills-presented and practiced



Restitution

- Between July 1997 and April 2000 youth at Pine Hills have earned and paid more than \$55,000 to victims.
- During the same time, youth completed 5,400 hours of court-approved community service
- Fiscal year 2005 youth paid \$27,227.50 to victims
- During this same time, youth completed 7,803 hours of court-approved community service
- On and off grounds community service opportunities
- Vocational skills
- Construction practices
- Safety Training

Sex Offender Treatment Program

- Minimum 12 months length of stay
- Developed with Rob Freeman Longo
- Addresses awareness, accountability and relapse prevention
- Primary treatment personnel will pursue membership in the MT Sex Offender Treatment Association.

Chemical Dependency Treatment

- Wanberg and Milkman's Strategies for Self Improvement and Change curriculum
- Six month minimum stay
- Three certified chemical dependency counselors (LAC)
- One aftercare treatment coordinator

Education

- Accredited by Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPT)
- Classes 12 months a year
- Life Skills
- Technical Education
- Diploma or GED